

EXPENSES OF FLORIDA VOLUNTEERS.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

RELATIVE TO

The expenses of Florida volunteers previous to their being mustered into the United States service.

MARCH 6, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS relative to the expenses of Florida volunteers previous to being mustered into the United States service.

Whereas it appears to the satisfaction of this General Assembly that expenses have been incurred by individuals in subsisting, organizing, and transporting to the place of rendezvous the Florida volunteers raised for the war, by authority of the State, upon requisitions from the War Department of the general government, which expenses were incurred for the benefit of the United States, and were necessary and unavoidable; and whereas it further appears that but a small part of said expenses have been refunded; and whereas Congress has heretofore, by act for that purpose, authorized the payment of claims on account of expenses of a similar character, which act, however, by construction of the proper department, has been decided not to extend to any case where the expenses were incurred after its passage; and whereas it would be a great hardship and injustice that such expenses should be borne by private individuals, without the hope of reimbursement, thus virtually inflicting a penalty upon their patriotism:

Sec. 1. *Therefore be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That our Senators and Representative in Congress be requested to call the attention of Congress to this subject, and to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law, either general or special, which will authorize the reimbursement of said expenses.

Sec. 2. *Be it further resolved,* That the governor, at his earliest convenience, transmit this preamble, with the accompanying resolutions, to our said Senators and Representative, earnestly requesting their immediate attention to the same.

[Passed House of Representatives, December 9, 1847. Passed the Senate, December 16, 1847. Approved by the governor, December 28, 1847.]

A true copy:

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Secretary of State.

